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ALLIANCE WON AT TRACK MEET HERE ON FRIDAY

MARGIN OF FIVE POINTS OVER EIGHT WESTERN TEAMS.

Largest Meet Ever Held in This Part of the State—Records Better Than Any So Far in the State.

Alliance won first place in the fourth annual western Nebraska track meet Friday with fifty points, Morrill coming in second with forty-five and one-half. Scottsbluff was third with twenty-eight and one-half. Lingle of Morrill won the trophy for individual honors with twenty-four points. Dailey of the locals was second with twenty-one. The individual honor trophy was donated by H. F. Thiele, Morrill won W. R. Harper's relay cup setting a new western Nebraska record of 1:39 3-5. The feat of Lowry of Morrill in hurling the javelin 160 feet 8 inches was perhaps the most impressive of the meet. Dailey and Lingle, who equalled the state record of 15 3-5 in the high hurdles, when they ran a dead heat, also surprised the fans. Dailey stepped the 220 yard dash in 22 3-5, or one-fifth slower than the state record. Dailey's teammate, Beal, who took second was about one yard to the rear of the tall sprinter. Alliance took two places in each of the track events, with the exception of the mile in which a second was taken. Strong, star miler for the locals, was unable to run, due to the terrific pace he had set in the half just before, or this would have meant an easy first for the locals. Strong set a new western Nebraska record of 2:08 3-5 in this event. Strong and Beal, the two blue and white tracksters who finished first and second in this event, were far ahead of the rest of the field. Strong leading Love of Scottsbluff, who finished third, by a good fifty yards.

Garvin's Absence Noticed.

The absence of Garvin, star field man of the locals was greatly noticed, Alliance not placing in the shot put, high jump or javelin, three events in which Garvin excelled, and from records, could have easily placed.

Beal of Alliance was one of the most consistent scorers in the meet, taking three seconds and one first. Beal easily broke the western record in the 220 and half mile, only to finish second to Dailey and Strong. Beal ran (Continued on Page 4).

The Fashion Shop is Starting Spring Sale Wednesday Morning

A. G. Isaacson of the Fashion Shop announces in this issue of The Herald a special ten-day spring clean-up sale, which will begin tomorrow morning. Sweeping reductions of one-half, one-fourth and one-third off on every article in the store will be made. Included in the offerings are ladies' suits, dresses, millinery, hosiery, lingerie, corsets, underwear, sweaters, separate skirts, blouses and hundreds of other items, all of Fashion Shop style and Fashion Shop quality. Discriminating buyers will be greatly interested in the event.

As a novel advertising feature, Mr. Isaacson announces that he will present, free of charge, a \$25 dress to the customer making the largest purchase between the hours of 10 and 11 a. m. Wednesday. The fortunate customer will be given her choice of any \$25 dress in the establishment.

A. D. Rodgers Is Chosen President of the Alliance Eagles

At the annual election of officers of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, held Thursday evening, the following were elected for the coming year: A. D. Rodgers, worthy president; Jay Duncan, worthy vice-president; F. W. Hicks, secretary; George G. Gadsby, treasurer; Guy Martin, chaplain; Claude Hazelton, inside guard; L. A. Brown, outside guard; Roy C. Wells, chairman; F. W. Hayes and George A. Hills, trustees; Carl Wenzel, delegate to state convention at Grand Island; Roy C. Wells, past worthy president.

The aeris has doubled its membership within the past ninety days. The club rooms are being remodeled and enlarged.

W. R. Harper Buys Laing's Clothing Store Fixtures

The fixtures of the Laing store, which were purchased by W. R. Harper, are being installed in his store today. These fixtures are the best obtainable, being cabinets for the holding of small articles, such as collars, hosiery, etc. They are finished in oak, and with a veneer of the store. With these all goods are kept absolutely clean, well displayed and are easy to find.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Showers probably tonight; Wednesday cooler.

Counsel Stough Has Prepared Case for Live Stock Shippers

Dale P. Stough of Grand Island, president of the Midwest Commerce-Traffic bureau, who is representing the Alliance chamber of commerce and other cities and organizations in the investigation in live stock rates being held by the Interstate Commerce commission and Nebraska State Railway commission, spent Saturday in Alliance conferring with officials of the chamber of commerce, Nebraska Stockgrowers association and stockmen.

Mr. Stough had with him copies of exhibits which have been prepared for presentation at the joint hearing of the two commissions to be held in Omaha on May 25. These exhibits show that the matter has been gone into very thoroughly by Mr. Stough and his associate counsel and that a large mass of tabulated and detailed evidence will be presented for consideration at the hearing.

While in the city he conferred with City Manager N. A. Kemmish and Attorney P. E. Romig, both of whom are interested in the telephone rate case, in which he is taking an active part. He complimented the Alliance men on their work in preparing the evidence to be presented in excellent form for presentation to the railway commission.

Mr. Stough is a candidate for the office of State Railway commissioner at the Democratic primaries on July 18.

COUNCIL WILL DECIDE FATE OF POOL HALLS

SESSION THURSDAY EVENING DUE TO BE INTERESTING.

After Involuntary Ten-Day Vacation License Question to Be Threshed Out Then.

The Thursday evening session of the Alliance city council will be slightly reminiscent of old times. On that evening the pool hall proprietors of the city for present in full force, and some of them will be represented by attorneys, the object of the visit being to convince the council that they are fit persons to be granted a license to continue in that business for another year.

In other days, the council used to have meetings that were largely attended by the public for the entertainment features, but the present council has not held any sessions that have been distinguished by the quantity and quality of the oratory. Before the city manager plan went into effect, the populace used to turn out for arguments on the telephone franchise question and others which concerned oratorical possibilities, but the present council has been taking only an hour or two to decide the momentous questions that have arisen, and has managed to transact its business without fireworks of any kind.

Thursday evening's session has possibilities, however, and it may be that some of the old guard that used to fill the benches may be tempted to come out, provided the pool hall men and their advocates do not fill all the available seats.

The council, at its last meeting, held just before the first of the month, was confronted by the usual stack of applications for new licenses. The work of granting these went along merrily and smoothly until the city clerk picked up the first application for a pool hall license. Then the discussion started. Two or three councilmen objected to granting a license to the first application on the list. It was passed, temporarily. Then it was discovered that the second application was due to meet with objection. It, too, was passed, and then the council took an unprecedented step. It laid all applications on the table for two weeks.

A Ten-Day Vacation.

This action resulted in a vacation of ten days for the pool halls. Under the city ordinance, licenses expire at midnight on April 30, and the word was passed that the pool hall men were to put covers on their tables until the licenses were granted. One or two pool hall proprietors were present and spoke feelingly on the subject, but the council had taken its stand and proceeded to stick by it. If there were murmurs on the part of the pool halls, their patrons and proprietors, they have not been made publicly.

The council was inspired to take the action by complaints made against these establishments. Police reported (Continued on Page 4).

ASKS FOR BIDS ON EXCAVATION AND DRY WORK ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL

We are ready to receive bids for excavation and dry work for the new high school building. See O. ALMQUIST at Alliance Hotel.

ROW FOLLOWS AWARDING OF THE FORD CAR

WINNING NUMBER HELD BY ALLIANCE BUSINESS MAN.

Calvin D. Walker Ruled Out, But Will Put Up a Scrap for Possession of Jitney.

The automobile show, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week at the Lowry & Henry roof garden, wound up Saturday evening in a blaze of glory with a free public dance, which was largely attended and enjoyed by several hundred people from both the city and surrounding country. The automobile show was a decided success, the roof garden being the center of the attraction in the city. Every dealer in the city was represented, and there were on display a number of the newest models.

But one unfortunate occurrence marred the big show, and this was in connection with the Ford automobile, which was given away by forty-seven merchants of the city. Tickets were issued with every dollar expended to pay old accounts or to purchase new merchandise, and at 6 o'clock Saturday the drawing was held to determine the winner of the Ford. Several numbers were drawn, and the announcement was made that an hour would be allowed for the winning number to put in an appearance. Several people in the crowd had got hold of a good many numbers, and it was desired to give everybody ample time to go over their lists and make certain.

The first number drawn deciding the winner was 016151, and was held by Calvin D. Walker. Mr. Walker put in an appearance by 6:40 p. m., and was informed that inasmuch as he was a "merchant," the car would be awarded to the holder of the second number drawn. This was held by P. I. Beach of the Burlington office. Mr. Beach was declared the owner of the car, and the man who organized the show posted his name as the winner.

Walker Makes a Protest.

Mr. Walker, however, is very much inclined to dissent from the decision, and is not at all backward about making his protest known, and the reasons for making it. In a sworn statement, he deposes and says that he is the branch manager of the A. E. Jones company, Box dealers in the city. He declares that he is not a partner, stockholder or officer of the company; but that for two years he has been a (Continued on Page 4).

Girl in Juvenile Court Prefers Reform School to Going Home

On complaint of E. L. Routh, farmer living ten miles southwest of Alliance, his daughter, Mildred, aged sixteen, appeared in juvenile court this morning. Her father alleged that the girl was incorrigible, disobedient and had left home. He asked the court to appoint a suitable person or institution as her guardian.

From the testimony, it appeared that the girl some days ago left the parental home and went to the home of a cousin, Robert Peister, on the west shore of Broncho lake. On Saturday she came to Alliance and went to the home of another relative, Mrs. C. H. Rocky.

At the hearing, the girl's mother testified that they had fed and clothed the child, sent her to the city and country schools, and didn't know why she left home.

When the girl took the stand, she declared that she had deserted the parental domicile because her parents forced her to do all the work inside of the house. She objected chiefly to the fact that everywhere she went she was forced to carry a two-year-old child around with her. A brother, thirteen years of age, and larger, continually fought with her and had beaten her severely without her parents interposing any objection. She told Judge Tash that last summer, after a severe beating, she had planned to ask his protection, but fear for herself and that she would get her parents into trouble made her change her mind. She told of one occasion when she had lost a dime at school. Her mother, she said, told her not to come home without it or she would be whipped, and she had saved herself punishment by getting the money of an aunt. Continual beatings and abuse, she said, made her run away from home, and she told the court that she would prefer to go to the reform school to returning home.

The girl's father denied the excessive punishment, but the mother entered no objection to the girl's testimony. Judge Tash called in the juvenile court probation officer, Mrs. L. C. Thomas, who discovered scars on her body, though none were of recent date. Deep scratches were on the girl's wrist. These, she told Mrs. Thomas, were inflicted by her mother last week in a fit of rage.

The judge took the case under advisement, in the meantime paroling the girl temporarily in charge of Mrs. L. C. Thomas. She will make her home with relatives in the city.

OLD-FASHIONED WILD WEST DAY FOURTH OF JULY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS CONSIDERING THE PROPOSITION.

Several New Members Reported by Committee—Prospects for the North Star Highway.

At the regular noon luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce, held at the chamber rooms Monday, there were present thirty-three members and visitors. President True Miller presided.

Chairman Rhein of the good roads committee reported that W. P. Devault of Bayard, a member of the board of commissioners of Morrill county, visited Alliance last Friday and that a luncheon was given for him at the Alliance hotel; that Mr. Devault gave an encouraging report on the work in Morrill county on the "missing link" of the North Star highway and that the prospect of getting this road through at an early date was excellent.

Chairman Floyd Lucas of the membership committee reported that the committee had met last week at a noon luncheon at the Manhattan Cafe and that plans for securing new members had been thoroughly discussed; that the plan to be followed was not a hasty campaign, but that the work would be carried on methodically and steadily, in order that the people who are not at present members of the organization be shown that this organization is needed by them as it needs them, and that continued results, such as are being accomplished, would make it easy to secure new members. He reported the following new members: William Mitchell, The Rialto, by J. E. Hughes, manager; Reuler, by William Rhoads, manager. Members who were present at the luncheon were urged to bring others at future luncheons, in order that the work being done would be more thoroughly understood. Members are urged to bring farmers from the country with them to the luncheons.

Wild West Celebration.

Jake Bicknell brought up the proposition of a Wild West celebration Fourth of July program for Alliance this year and stated that many of the people on the farms and ranches in this territory are anxious to take part in a celebration of this kind, with "old fashioned" races and matches and other from ranches. Motion of J. W. Guthrie, seconded by Dr. Schock, that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report on it at the luncheon next Monday noon.

The committee appointed by President Miller was as follows: C. A. Newberry, chairman; R. M. Hampton, John W. Guthrie, Floyd Lucas, Dr. A. C. Schock, J. S. Rhein, Charles Brittan, Jake Bicknell, H. P. Coursey and W. E. Spencer, with the president and secretary as ex-officio members. This committee will meet at a luncheon at the Alliance hotel at noon Wednesday, May 10, and interested persons are (Continued on Page 4).

Work of Assessing for Box Butte Is Almost Completed

According to County Assessor John Pilkington, the task of assessing property in Box Butte county is almost completed. There are a few scattered schedules still to be filed for some residents of the city and county. In one of two county precincts, the bad roads interfered with the work, but it is expected to finish up this week.

The valuation will be high, Mr. Pilkington says, although no higher than last year. The valuation has to be high, he explains, in order to pay for the various expenses. If the valuation were lower, the levy would be prohibitive.

The assessor is very well satisfied with his assistants, especially the women who assisted in the work in the city of Alliance.

C. of C. to Issue Road Bulletins the Coming Summer

Western Nebraska road maps, brought up-to-date, were mailed out Saturday by the chamber of commerce to automobile clubs and tourists' information bureaus in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Denver and other points, together with detailed typewritten bulletins of the conditions of the different roads. Weekly or semi-weekly road bulletins will be issued during the summer months by the chamber and circulated widely. This should result in directing the attention of tourists to Alliance and Box Butte county and to the large amount of work and attention being done on and given to the roads in this part of the state. Members of the Hemingford chamber of commerce road committee have expressed themselves as being glad to assist and co-operate with the Alliance chamber in road work.

Morrill Commissioner Here in Interests of the North Star Route

W. P. Devault of Bayard, Morrill county commissioner, made a trip to Alliance on Friday to take up matters affecting the North Star highway between Bridgeport and Alliance with the chamber of commerce and land owners living in this city whose property will be crossed by the temporary road to fill in the "missing link."

Mr. Devault expressed deep interest in the completion of this highway and his action in making a special trip here so as to facilitate the completion of the road was so appreciated that he was tendered a vote of thanks at a luncheon given in his honor at the Alliance hotel Friday noon, attended by members of the good roads committee and officers of the chamber.

Chairman John Rhein of the committee presided at the luncheon and the North Star highway was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Devault believes that Morrill county can complete the temporary road from Bonner to the Box Butte county line at an early date and promised his co-operation in doing so. He is one of the Morrill county pioneers and had many old acquaintances here who expressed to him their appreciation of his efforts in the good roads line.

Mr. Devault conferred with Commissioners Duncan and Hashman and County Engineer Reuben Knight while in the city. The plans call for a meeting soon between the Box Butte county officials and the Morrill county commissioners and engineer on the line of the "missing link" to settle on a connection between the two counties.

Mrs. Devault accompanied him on the trip and visited with relatives while here.

AVALANCHE OF TELEGRAMS BIG HIT AT O'NEIL

CLUB WOMEN PASSED RESOLUTION THANKING CITY.

Eleven Wires Sent Urging Selection of This City for 1923 Convention of Club Women.

Alliance got some mighty good advertising through the stunt arranged by Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas of the chamber of commerce, in connection with the invitation to the Sixth district convention of the Nebraska federation of woman's clubs to hold the 1923 district convention in Alliance. Seven cities in the district extended invitations, among them Scottsbluff and Sidney, but the Alliance invitation drew the most comment. The last day of the convention, Secretary Thomas got in touch with the heads of several organizations in the city, and the result was eleven telegrams.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson of this city, who attended the convention, reported that the telegrams went over with a bang. There was no particular comment during the reading of the first half dozen wires, but from then on the convention was aroused to an appreciation of Alliance hospitality. The result was that a special resolution was passed, thanking this city for its cordial invitation. This resolution was the only one of its kind that was adopted, which had a tendency to peeve delegates from other cities that had extended invitations.

The next meeting place will be decided by the executive committee. Had the matter been left to the delegates, there is little question that Alliance would have been the almost unanimous choice, but the executive committee may decide otherwise. Of late years, the meetings have been held in the western part of the district, and it is understood that the eastern part is very desirous of having the next meeting, and may succeed in getting it.

The resolution passed by the convention reads as follows:

Resolved, That we, at the Fifteenth annual convention of the Sixth district N. F. W. C. assembled at O'Neil express our thanks for the cordial invitations from Alliance to hold our next convention in that city and that

Courts of the Tennis Club Open Sunday

The tennis courts of the Alliance tennis club were completed Sunday, and were in use all Sunday afternoon and evening. The dirt is still somewhat loose but this will soon be remedied. The backstops, which are twelve and one-half feet high easily keep the balls in the court.

It is planned later in the season to stage a city tennis tournament, and if enough interest is shown to stage a boys' championship, and a junior championship. The former would be restricted to all boys under 16 years of age, and the latter to boys under 18. This would give the younger players a chance to win, while otherwise they would have to compete with older and more experienced players. Suitable prizes will no doubt be offered for the winners.

IMPORTANCE OF ALLIANCE AS A RAILROAD CITY

A. G. SMART TALKS TO C. OF C. LUNCHEON MONDAY.

Yearly Payrolls Here Over a Million Dollars—Alliance People Invited for "Inspection Trip."

A. G. Smart, general superintendent of the Burlington railroad, with headquarters at Alliance, and a member of the chamber of commerce, was present at the Monday luncheon by invitation and gave an interesting talk on railroad affairs and plans. In his talk he stated that Alliance ought to be larger, that its population should be much heavier than it now is; that this city is headquarters for the operation, maintenance and construction on over 2,000 miles of railroad, in Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Colorado; that from a railroad viewpoint no other town in this section of the country compares with Alliance.

Mr. Smart stated that the Alliance railroad payrolls amount up to large sums—the month of March was one of the poorest in years—but the payroll here for that month, with 1,243 employees, amounted to over \$167,000, 60 per cent of which goes to Alliance and that the yearly payrolls to Alliance run from \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000.

He also stated that the taxes paid in Box Butte county last year amounted to \$41,000. The question of population here, he said, should be considered very much, and Alliance should be more of a commercial distributing point. One local institution, the Newberry Hardware company, shows what can be done. A Lincoln institution of the same kind is run by a student of the Newberry business—Cass Cornell.

Over 2,000 miles of railroad receive their instructions from Alliance, said Mr. Smart. Men working on the Sterling division live here. Alliance has a permanent payroll, with an average of \$134 per month per employee, which means much to the town. He stated that he was glad to say that the company has had the undivided support of all the real people of the city and community.

Superintendent Smart referred to the potato industry, as our one big industry, and offered the assistance of the agricultural department of the railroad company in this industry and its kindred lines of agriculture.

Improvements for Alliance.

The railroads do not have everything they want, Mr. Smart said. One billion five hundred million dollars will be paid by the people of the United States for the experiment made during recent years. The railroads are just recovering from the experiment. Alliance is to share in the new improvements being made over the system. From \$85,000 to \$90,000 will be expended for a new power house, allowing the installation of several new drop pits. A new office building will be erected for the master mechanic at a cost of about \$4,000.

The average person in Alliance has no idea of the magnitude of the Burlington plant in this city. Alliance handles the heaviest locomotives that the Burlington runs. Oil trains bound east and banana trains bound west all contribute their share to Alliance. Business is commencing to show some signs of life. Lumber shipments are increasing. With the coal strike on, the oil shipments from Wyoming are heavier than ever before. Mr. Smart stated that the president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey had informed him that the Salt Creek field of Wyoming was the largest in the world.

"If Alliance merchants are not getting their share of the Burlington payroll they ought to start to advertise," said Mr. Smart. In response to a question from Mr. Rhein, Mr. Smart extended an invitation to the people of Alliance to make an "inspection trip" through the Burlington plant here. He also stated that the manual training class of the high school was welcome to visit the shops. He was roundly applauded at the close of his talk.

On motion of J. S. Rhein, seconded by N. A. Kemmish, the secretary was instructed to arrange for a visit to the Burlington shops and plant.

Interior Department Recommends Keeping State Land Offices

The department of interior has recommended to the senate committee on public lands the re-establishment of the land offices at Broken Bow and Alliance as called for in the bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock in the senate last week says the Saturday World-Herald.

The recommendation was made today by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Finney. It sets out that the revenues of both offices have been almost twice as much as their expense. The bill will probably be passed before long. A similar bill is now pending in the house, introduced by Congressman Kinkaid.